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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 21 DPC MEETING: SYG LUNS' STATEMENT ON
EVALUATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENTS

REF: A. STATE 243797

B. STATE 245337

C. USNATO 6157

1. AT OPENING OF NOVEMBER 21 DPC MEETING, SYG LUNS REFERRED TO FACT THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PASSAGE OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT, HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER ASKING HIM TO SEEK AN ASSESSMENT CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS POSTURE. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, WHO IN TURN HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SHAPE TO ASK FOR A MILITARY ASSESSMENT. HE SAID THAT, UPON THE COMPLETION OF SHAPE'S ASSESSMENT, THE SUBJECT WOULD COME BEFORE THE DPC FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE POLITICAL ASPECTS. LUNS SAID HE

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THOUGHT THAT THE JOB MIGHT TAKE LONGER THAN SECDEF HAD

HOPED, AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE THOUGHT SECDEF HAD WANTED THE WHOLE MATTER FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON BY JANUARY 1. MCAULIFFE (US) REMINDED LUNS THAT US HAD ASKED FOR COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY ASSESSMENT BY JANUARY 1, AND FOR ALLIED POLITICAL VIEWS, TAKING THAT ASSESSMENT INTO ACCOUNT, BY FEBRUARY 1.

2. LUNS SAID HE WAS SURE THAT SECDEF WOULD TALK ABOUT THIS MATTER DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE NPG REPEAT NPG WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE "BROAD POLITICAL ASPECTS" OF THE SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER THE MILITARY ASSESSMENT WAS IN HAND. LUNS AGREED.

3. LUNS CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS NUCLEAR SUBJECT, SAYING THAT AN ALLIANCE MILITARY ASSESSMENT ALONE WOULD HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENT.

4. MISSION COMMENT. NOW THAT SYG LUNS HAS NOTIFIED PERMREPS OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S LETTER AND THE ON-GOING SHAPE OF THE ASSESSMENT, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON INFORM APPROPRIATE NATO CAPITALS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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